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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as
President of the United States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:25-cv-03698-SI

**DEFENDANTS' REPONSE TO
PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR STATUS
CONFERENCE AND/OR
CLARIFICATION OF ORDERS RE:
DISCOVERY**

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1 Defendants respectfully respond to Plaintiffs' Request for Status Conference and/or
2 Clarification of Orders re: Discovery (ECF 245). In response, Defendants state:

- 3 1. Plaintiffs filed their Request approximately one hour after asking for Defendants'
4 position. Defendants had not responded to Plaintiffs' inquiry as they were making
5 internal inquiries in order to respond when they saw the notification for ECF 245.
- 6 2. Had Plaintiffs waited for a response, Defendants would have told them that they
7 expected to be able to complete their production soon, and in any event, within 30 days,
8 the time by which Defendants had promised to provide a privilege log.
- 9 3. Plaintiffs' decision to once again seek this Court's involvement in ongoing discovery
10 disputes is neither appropriate nor efficient. Plaintiffs and Defendants should try to
11 resolve matters without asking the Court to hold status conferences.
- 12 4. If the parties still have a dispute after an actual meet-and-confer, then Plaintiffs can file
13 a motion, and Defendants can respond, and the Court can decide, for itself, if it wishes
14 to hold a status conference.
- 15 5. Defendants oppose Plaintiffs' request for clarification and a conference in the absence
16 of: (1) a meet-and-confer between the parties (which should occur on the phone and
17 involve real-time interactions between counsel) and (2) a written motion.¹

18 For these reasons, Defendants ask that the Court **DENY** Plaintiffs' request for clarification
19 or a conference.

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28 ¹ Defendants will shortly be filing a revised version of their Notice (ECF 244), to address a question raised
by Plaintiffs.

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2 Dated: August 12, 2025

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